



CHORAL EUCHARIST FOR CORPUS CHRISTI

Organ Prelude: Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele (BWV 654) – J. S. Bach Mass Setting: Missa O Sacrum Convivium – Palestrina



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Please stand when the bell rings, and join in the words in **bold type**.

THE INTROIT

Cibavit eos ex adipe frumenti, alleluia. Et de petra melle saturavit eos, alleluia. Ps. 81.1: Exultate Deo adiutori nostro, Iubilate Deo Iacob.

He fed them with the fat of corn, alleluia, and filled them with honey out of the rock, alleluia. Ps. 81.1: Sing aloud unto God our strength: make a joyful noise unto the God of Jacob.

THE OPENING HYMN

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; his the sceptre, his the throne. Alleluia! His the triumph, his the victory alone. Hark! The songs of peaceful Sion thunder like a mighty flood: Jesus out of every nation hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now.
Alleluia! He is near us; faith believes, nor questions how.
Tho' the cloud from sight received him when the forty days were o'er, shall our hearts forget his promise, 'I am with you evermore'?

Alleluia! Bread of angels, thou on earth our food, our stay. Alleluia! Here the sinful flee to thee from day to day. Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's redeemer, plead for me, where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia, King eternal, thee the Lord of lords we own; alleluia, born of Mary, earth thy footstall, heaven thy throne: thou within the veil hast entered, robed in flesh, our great High Priest; thou on earth both Priest and Victim in the eucharistic feast.

THE GREETING

In the Name of the Father ★ and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. **Amen**.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love thee and worthily magnify thy holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

The Deacon introduces the prayers of penitence with the following words:

Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

Please sit or kneel.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against thee and against our neighbour, in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault.

We are heartily sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may serve thee in newness of life to the glory of thy name. Amen.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon

and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Remain seated as the choir sings THE KYRIE ELEISON

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison.

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.

Please stand as the choir sings THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

Gloria in excelsis Deo, et in terra pax hominibus bonæ voluntatis.

Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te, gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam,

Domine Deus, Rex cœlestis, Deus Pater omnipotens,

Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe,

Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris,

qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram,

qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis.

Quoniam Tu solus sanctus, Tu solus Dominus,

Tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe,

cum Sancto Spiritu: in gloria * Dei Patris. Amen.

Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, goodwill towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, We give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy on us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory \maltese of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, we thank thee that in this wonderful sacrament thou hast given us the memorial of thy passion: grant us so to reverence the sacred mysteries of thy body and blood that we may know within ourselves and show forth in our lives the fruits of thy redemption; for thou art alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

All sit for **THE EPISTLE**1 Corinthians 11.23-26

A Reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, that the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, this cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The choir sings **THE ALLELUIA**Please stand as the Deacon proceeds to the lectern.

Alleluia. Caro mea vere est cibus, et sanguis meus vere est potus: qui manducat meam carnem, et bibit meum sanguinem in me manet et ego in eo. Alleluia.

Alleluia. My flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. Whoever eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood dwelleth in me, and I in them. Alleluia.

Remain standing and face the Deacon for **THE GOSPEL**John 6.51–58

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus said unto them, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world." Then the Jews began to argue sharply among themselves, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?"

Jesus said to them, "Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your ancestors ate manna and died, but whoever feeds on this bread will live forever."

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

THE SERMON

Fr Mark Young, Associate Priest

Please stand and face the altar for THE CREED







Please sit or kneel for THE INTERCESSIONS

The following response is used:

Lord hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

The concluding prayer is said by the celebrant.

Please sit. The choir sings THE OFFERTORY MOTET

Cibavit eos – Byrd

Cibavit eos ex adipe frumenti, alleluia. Et de petra melle saturavit eos, alleluia. Exultate Deo adiutori nostro, Iubilate Deo Iacob. Gloria Patri et Filio et Spiritui Sancto sicut erat in principio et nunc et semper, et in sæcula sæculorum. Amen.

He fed them with the fat of corn, alleluia, and filled them with honey out of the rock, alleluia. Sing aloud unto God our strength: make a joyful noise unto the God of Jacob. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Please stand for THE OFFERTORY HYMN

During this hymn, a collection will be taken up.

Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness, leave the gloomy haunts of sadness; come into the daylight's splendour, there with joy thy praises render unto him whose grace unbounded hath this wondrous banquet founded: high o'er all the heavens he reigneth, yet to dwell with thee he deigneth.

Now I sink before thee lowly, filled with joy most deep and holy, as with trembling awe and wonder on thy mighty works I ponder: how, by mystery surrounded, depth no mortal ever sounded, none may dare to pierce unbidden secrets that with thee are hidden.

Sun, who all my life dost brighten, light, who dost my soul enlighten, joy, the sweetest heart e'er knoweth, fount, whence all my being floweth, at thy feet I cry, my Maker, let me be a fit partaker of this blessed food from heaven, for our good, thy glory, given.

Jesus, Bread of Life, I pray thee, let me gladly here obey thee; never to my hurt invited, be thy love with love requited: from this banquet let me measure, Lord, how vast and deep its treasure; through the gifts thou here dost give me, as thy guest in heaven receive me.

All remain standing for THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Pray, my brothers and sisters, that this my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.

May the Lord accept this sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his Church.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER



It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ thine only Son our Lord:

And now we give thee thanks, because, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; and on the night before he suffered, sitting at table with his disciples, he instituted these holy mysteries, that we, redeemed by his death and restored to life by his resurrection, might be partakers of his divine nature.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name, evermore praising thee and singing:

All sit or kneel as the choir sings THE SANCTUS

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt cæli et terra gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.

All glory be to thee, almighty God, our heavenly Father, who, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee, and grant that, by the power of thy Holy Spirit, we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood;

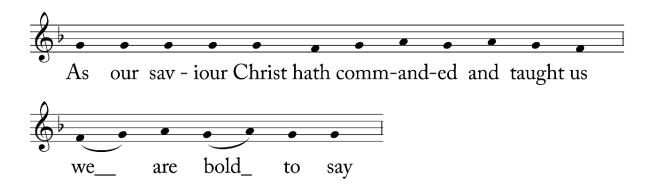
Who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he brake it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

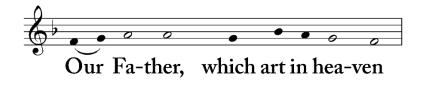
Likewise after supper he took the cup; and when he had given thanks to thee, he gave it to them, saying: Drink ye all of this; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me. Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy humble servants, having in remembrance the precious death and passion of thy dear Son, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences; and to grant that all we, who are partakers of this holy communion, may be fulfilled with thy grace and \maltese heavenly benediction;

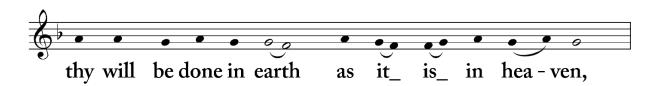
through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father almighty, world without end. **Amen**.

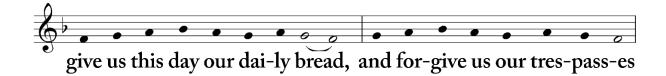
All remain kneeling for THE LORD'S PRAYER

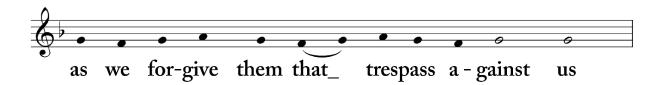




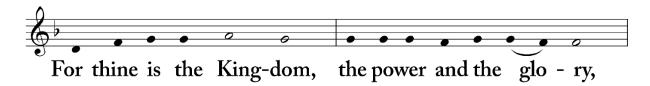


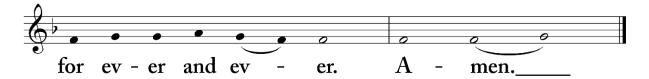












THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

We do not presume to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

The choir sings THE AGNUS DEI

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis. Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis. Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: dona nobis pacem.

O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

THE GIVING OF COMMUNION

The celebrant and people receive communion. Members of all Christian churches who are baptised in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, and communicant members of their own church are welcome to receive at this service.

The choir sings THE COMMUNION MOTET

Ave Verum – Byrd

Ave, verum corpus natum de Maria Virgine: vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine: cuius latus perforatum fluxit aqua et sanguine: esto nobis prægustatum, in mortis examine.

O Jesu dulcis, O Jesu pie, O Jesu Fili Mariæ.

Miserere mei. Amen.

Hail true body,
born of the Virgin Mary:
Thou who truly suffered and were
sacrificed on the cross for the sake of man.
From whose pierced side flowed
water and blood:
Be a foretaste for us in the trial of
death.
O sweet, O gentle, O Jesu,
son of Mary,
have mercy on me. Amen.

The choir sings THE COMMUNION SENTENCE

Hoc corpus quod pro vobis tradetur: hic calix novi testamenti est in meo sanguine, dicit Dominus: hoc facite quotiescumque sumitis, in meam commemorationem.

This is my body which is given for you; this cup is the new testament in my blood, saith the Lord: do this, as oft as ye shall meet together in remembrance of me.

Please remain kneeling for THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

All praise be to thee, our God and Father, for that thou hast fed us with the bread of heaven and hast quenched our thirst from the true vine: grant that we, being grafted into Christ, may grow together in unity and be partakers of this heavenly feast; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

THE PROCESSION & BENEDICTION

Following the Post-Communion prayer, please remain kneeling as the Host is placed in the monstrance on the high altar. After a moment of silence, the Blessed Sacrament is reverenced with incense.

The Celebrant takes the monstrance from the altar. As the procession forms, we sing the hymn, and follow the sacred ministers around the church, returning under the organ to our seats.

- 1. The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above; Ancient of everlasting days, and God of Love; Jehovah, great I AM! by earth and heav'n confessed; we bow and bless the sacred name for ever blessed.
- 2. The God of Abraham praise, at whose supreme command from earth we rise—and seek the joys at his right hand; we all on earth forsake, its wisdom, fame, and power; and him our only portion make, our shield and tower.
- 3. Tho' nature's strength decay, and earth and hell withstand, to Canaan's bounds we urge our way, at his command: the watery deep we pass, with Jesus in our view; and thro' the howling wilderness our way pursue.
- 4. The goodly land we see, with peace and plenty blessed; a land of sacred liberty, and endless rest; there milk and honey flow, and oil and wine abound, and trees of life forever grow with mercy crowned.
- 5. There dwells the Lord our King, the Lord our Righteousness, triumphant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of peace; on Sion's sacred height his kingdom he maintains, and glorious with his saints in light for ever reign

- 6. He keeps his own secure, he guards them by his side, arrays in garments, white and pure, his spotless Bride: with streams of sacred bliss, beneath serener skies with all the fruits of paradise he still supplies.
- 7. Before the great Three-One they all exulting stand; and tell the wonders he hath done, through all their land: the listening spheres attend, and swell the growing fame; and sing, in songs which never end, the wondrous name.
- 8. The God who reigns on high the great archangels sing, and 'Holy, holy, holy!' cry, 'almighty King! who was, and is, the same, and evermore shall be: Jehovah—Father—great I AM, we worship thee!'.
- 9. Before the Saviour's face the ransomed nations bow; o'erwhelmed at his almighty grace, for ever new: he shows his prints of love—they kindle to a flame, and sound thro' all the worlds above the slaughtered Lamb.
- 10. The whole triumphant host give thanks to God on high; 'hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost', they ever cry. hail, Abraham's God, and mine! (I join the heav'nly lays) all might and majesty are thine, and endless praise.

When the hymn is finished, the sacred ministers kneel in the Sanctuary, and the choir sings the Tantum ergo (chant). The Blessed Sacrament is reverenced with incense.

Tantum ergo Sacramentum Veneremur cernui: Et antiquum documentum Novo cedat ritui: Præstet fides supplementum Sensuum defectui.

Genitori, Genitoque Laus et iubilatio, Salus, honor, virtus quoque Sit et benedictio: Procedenti ab utroque Compar sit laudatio. Amen. Therefore we, before him bending, this great sacrament revere: types and shadows have their ending, for the newer rite is here; faith our outward sense befriending, makes our inward vision clear.

Glory let us give and blessing to the Father and the Son, honour, might, and praise addressing, while eternal ages run; ever to his love confessing, who, from both, with both is one. Amen.

The Celebrant continues:

Thou gavest them bread from heaven, alleluia. Containing in itself all sweetness, alleluia.

Let us pray.

O God, who in a wonderful sacrament hast left us a memorial of thy passion:
Grant us, we beseech thee, so to venerate the sacred mysteries of thy body and blood, that we may ever perceive within ourselves the fruits of thy redemption; who livest and reignest, world without end. **Amen**.

The Celebrant takes the monstrance and gives Benediction.

Returning to his place, the Celebrant recites the divine praises, the people repeating each aloud.

Blessed be God

Blessed be his holy Name

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man

Blessed be the Name of Jesus

Blessed be his most Sacred Heart

Blessed be his most Precious Blood

Blessed be Jesus in the most Holy Sacrament of the Altar

Blessed be the Holy Ghost, the Paraclete

Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy

Blessed be the name of Mary, virgin and mother

Blessed be St Joseph, her most chaste spouse

Blessed be God in his Angels and in his Saints

The Blessed Sacrament is removed from the altar, as the choir sings

Let us adore forever the Most Holy Sacrament.

O praise the Lord, all ye nations: praise him, all ye people. For his merciful kindness is ever more and more toward us: and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever. Praise ye the Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Let us adore forever the Most Holy Sacrament.

The servers and sacred ministers depart.

Organ Postlude: Tantum ergo (Pange lingua) – Naji Hakim

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